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4700 River Road  
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SUBJECT: Y2K Compliance

TO: Animal Care Customers and Stakeholders

With Year 2000 rapidly approaching, I am pleased to let you know Animal Care has completed evaluating and testing all of its essential equipment for Y2K compliancy. We are fine tuning a few items with LARIS 7, our upgraded database. I can assure you we are ready for January 1, 2000. Even with all of our evaluating and testing, we have developed a contingency plan just in case we encounter problems. I am confident with our extensive preparations you will see no interruption in the inspection process or other services we provide.

Besides all the work we have done to make Animal Care Y2K compliant, we will be part of APHIS' Y2K command center located in Riverdale, MD. This center will be the hub for all Y2K coordination and oversight for APHIS throughout the world and will begin its operations mid-December.

Through the efforts of many hard working individuals, I am confident you will be pleased with our transition in year 2000. Moreover, if unanticipated interruptions occur, we are committed to correcting them as quickly as possible. If you have any questions regarding our efforts or suggestions regarding issues we may have overlooked, please e-mail us at: [ACE@usda.gov](mailto:ACE@usda.gov).

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